

# A Sermon on the Sermon on the Mount

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Worship | 10:30 am

### February 16, 2020



## In Christ's Name, Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Please know you are included in Christ's own invitation to receive God's promise and presence in the "for you" of Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the bulletin insert especially if you have prayer concerns. We also use this page to welcome and invite newcomers and guests into the events and activities at Zion. During the 10:30 am worship service, we provide childcare in the nursery directly down the west stairs.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

We are Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God we welcome all.

We rejoice in the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. We embrace actions and attitudes within the Church that assure access to Word and Sacrament regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic or marital status, physical or mental capacities, age, or race.

We are a Reconciling in Christ community.



#### All are welcome!

#### Worship Today

- 8:15 am | Awakening Worship
- 9:15 | Education Hour
- 10:30 am | Traditional Worship

#### **Events at Zion This Week**

#### Monday, February 17

- Presidents' Day | Church Office Closed
- Presidents' Day | Let Me Shine Closed
- Tuesday, February 18
  - 10 am | Library Guild
  - 6:30 pm | German American Chorus
- Wednesday, February 19
  - 7 am | Men's Bible Study
  - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
  - 6:15 pm | Universal Christ Book Study w/ Pastor Danalee
- Thursday, February 20
  - 6:30 pm | Meditation Group
- Friday, February 21
  - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class

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#### **Resources for Worship**

- Online Bulletin
  - You can download today's and previous bulletins to your smartphone or tablet to view during worship or at other times. Simply go to zelc.org/sermons-bulletins
- Quiet Activity cloth bags are available for young children during worship. Our ushers would be happy to provide you with one.
- Hearing Devices
  - Please speak to an usher if you are in need of a hearing assistance device.
- Visual Impairment
  - Magnifier sheets are available upon request.
- Childcare available down the west staircase in the nursery

- Sunday, February 23
  - 8:15 am | Awakening Worship
  - 9:15 am | Education Hour
  - 10:30 am | Traditional Worship

#### **Financial Stewardship**

Yearly Operating Budget 2020: \$480,450 Last Week Offering Received: \$8,509 (92% of weekly need) YTD Total Received: \$62,106 Mortgage Balance: \$230,684.58

#### **Next Sunday**

February 23, 2020 – Transfiguration of Our Lord Exodus 24:12-18 + Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 + Matthew 17:1-9 February 9, 2020 Attendance 8:15 am = 31 | 10:30 am = 90

Sunday School = 67

For information on this and other news and events go to zelc.org

### Gathering

#### Welcome

#### Prelude

"Prelude in G Minor" - J.S. Bach

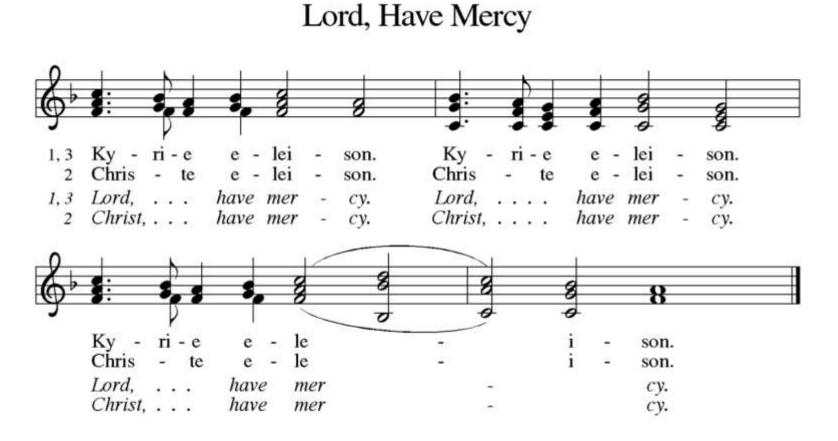
#### **Entrance Hymn**

Hymn No. 603 || "God, When Human Bonds Are Broken"

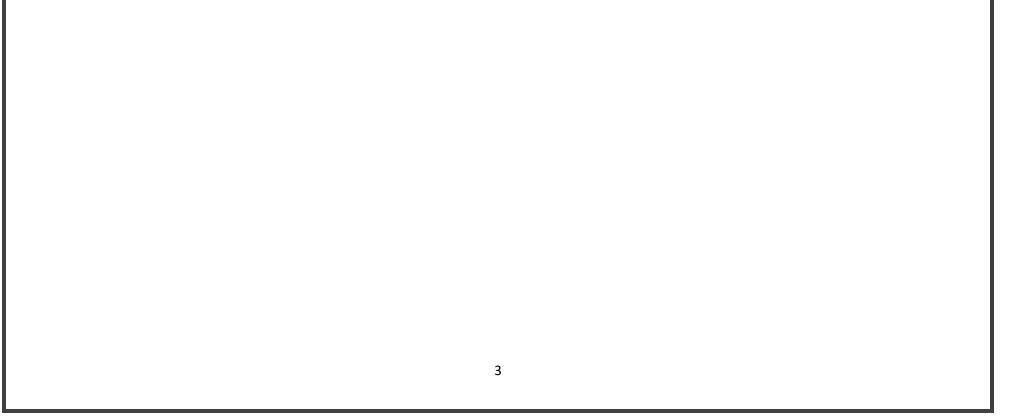
#### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

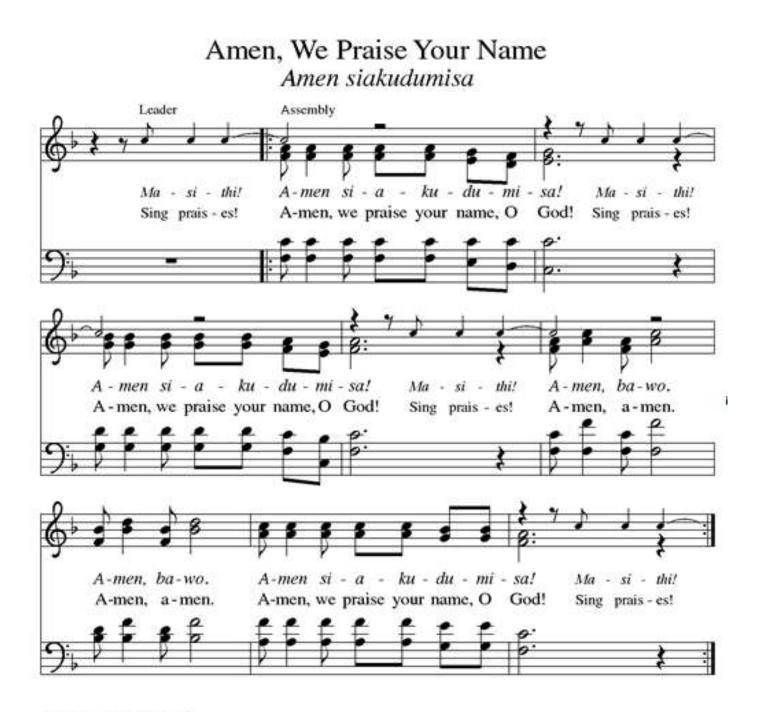
#### **Kyrie**



Music: Russian Orthodox traditional



#### **Hymn of Praise**



Text: South African traditional Music: AMEN SIAKUDUMISA, attr. S. C. Molefe, as taught by Gobingca George Mxadana Music © Gobingca Mxadana.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Divine Gardener, you give growth to our seeds and to the towering forest trees; you raise to abundant life that which seems dead. Teach us to choose blessing and life rather than death, so that we may walk blamelessly, seeking you through reconciliation with all of your children

### in and through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### The Word

#### First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>Ioving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 119

Verses (spoken responsively)

Refrain: Happy are they who follow the teaching of the Lord.

Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the Lord!
Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts, who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.
You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.
Refrain

Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!
Then I should not be put to shame,

#### when I regard all your commandments.

I will thank you with a true heart,

when I have learned your righteous judgments.

I will keep your statutes;

do not utterly forsake me.

Refrain

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **Children's Message**

All children are invited to join Pastor Steve at the communion rail.

#### **Gospel Verse**

Hymn No. 172 || "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

#### **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 5:21-37

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### Sermon

"A Sermon on the Sermon on the Mount" Pastor Steve Klemz

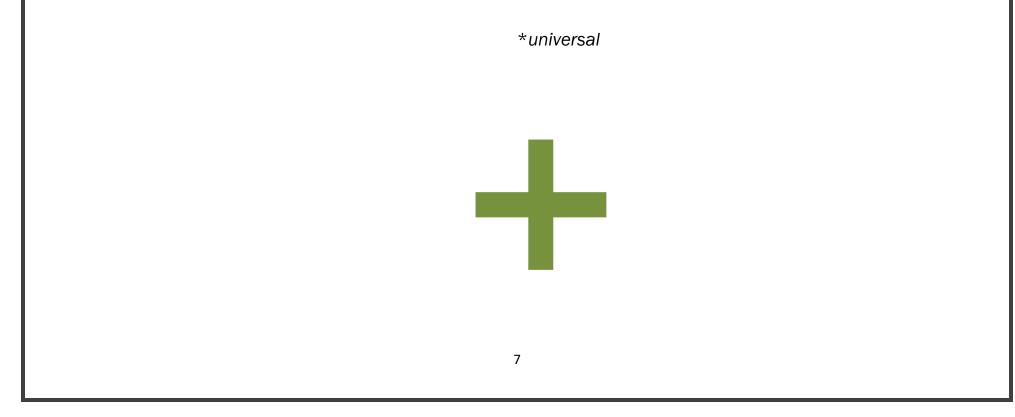
A brief silence for reflection.

#### Hymn

Hymn No. 749 || "O God of Love, O King of Peace"

#### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen



#### **The Prayers**

- □ strength of healing for Ellen Liu and Michael Rusnack
- □ for our nation
- $\Box$  grace to pray for our enemies
- □ for those in cancer care
- □ for Vicar Lisa Mensinger and mission partners
- □ for those who make and administer laws in the State Legislature
- □ for those in addiction and all in recovery
- for those who request prayers: Lynette Keller, Conrad, Amy Larsen, Saria Woodall, Ronnie, Carla, Mike, Olena, Darrel, Rupel & Devin, Charm, Carol, Richard Fiefr, Norma Klemz, Ken, Ric & Diane, Kirsten Zumonja, & the Wampoles.

Each petition concludes, "Lord, in your mercy" and the people prayerfully respond, "hear our prayer."

#### The Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

The ministers and congregation signal their unity with each other in the family of Christ by sharing a moment of greeting with each other saying, "Peace be with you" and are seated when finished exchanging the peace.

#### The Meal

#### The Gathering of the Gifts

Thank you for filling in the hospitality page (bulletin insert). It serves as an instrument for pastoral care, especially with the requested prayers. Please place the page in the offering plate. If you would like to give online, please go to **zelc.org/give-now** 

#### **Offering Music**

"Fairest Lord Jesus / What a Friend" - arr. Smith

#### **Offering Hymn**

Hymn No. 486 || "God Extends an Invitation"

#### **Offering Prayer**

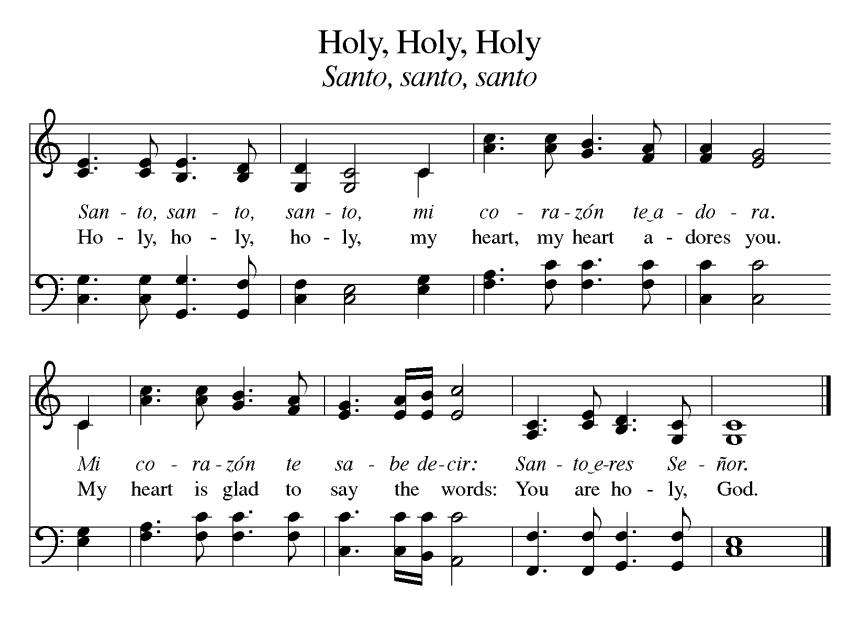
Let us pray. God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. **Amen.** 

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#### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.** 

It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Text: Argentine traditional Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

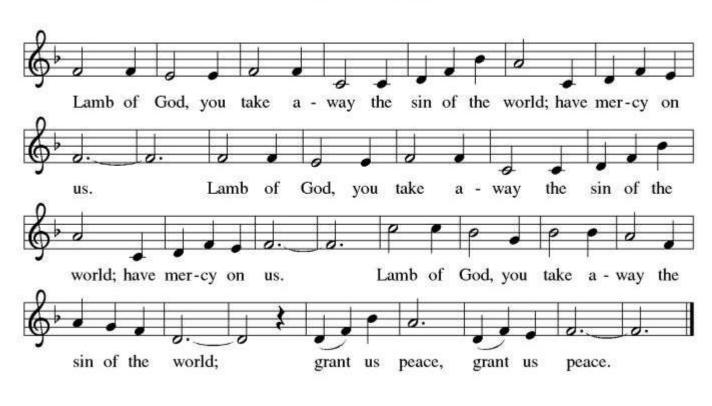
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### Lamb of God



Music: Bread of Life, Jeremy Young, b. 1948 Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

#### **Holy Communion**

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world.

To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle.

Newcomers & Visitors: You are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. The wine may be received by dipping the bread in the cup, or eating the bread and drinking from the cup. Individual cups are available for those who desire. Grape juice is clear, individual cups of wine are red. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like to receive a blessing for yourself and/or your child, simply come forward with your hands folded, and the person serving the bread will offer you a blessing.

#### **Communion Hymns**

Hymn No. 614 || "There Is a Balm in Gilead" Hymn No. 638 || "Blessed Assurance"

After all have received communion, please remain seated until the Blessing.

#### **The Table Blessing**

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in God's great grace. **Amen.** 

#### **Prayer After Communion**

Faithful God,

you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Blessing

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen.

#### **Sending Hymn**

Hymn No. 507 || "O God of Light"

#### Dismissal

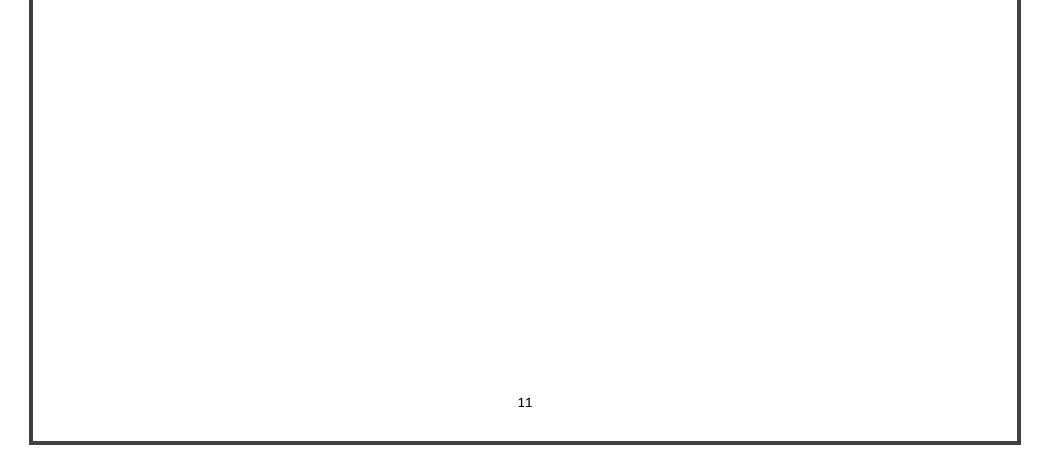
Go in peace. Let your light shine. Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

"Recessional on St. Anne" - Gordon Young

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Today's Worship Pastor Steve Klemz —Presiding + Preaching Wayne Graham—Organist Susan Swidnicki—Children's Choir Director Dave Zabriskie—Choir Director Brandt Graham—Child Care Holly Graham + Marci Hall—Altar Guild Bob Hackworth + Marci Hall—Counters Erin Basta—Assisting Minister	Church Office Pastor Steve Klemz   Pastor   pastor@zelc.org Christian Mogren   Office Manager   office@zelc.org Lisa Mensinger   Intern, Vicar   youth@zelc.org Resident Property Managers I Kelly Mitchell Kaci Evans 1070 Foothill Drive Salt Lake City, UT 84108 801.582.2321: phone   801.583.8043: fax
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#### What's Happening at Zion

**Spiritual Gifts Survey** – During the month of February, we are inviting people to complete a Spiritual Gifts Survey to begin the discernment of what gifts God has given us. Take 5 minutes of your time and complete either a paper form or electronic form (*bit.ly/3aW24CS*) of the survey. If you choose to do the paper form, copies are provided in the Narthex. Please put your name on the form and deposit it in the basket. The Spiritual Gifts team will be glad to send you a response of what your Spiritual gifts are. Electronic version of the form can be found on our website (*zelc.org*). Have Questions? Please contact: Melissa Butson, Lois Graham, or Vicar Lisa Mensinger.

**Intergenerational Event led by Pastor DanaLee Simon** – Join us on March 1st to continue our exploration of our Spiritual Gifts and the Lenten theme of "Spring Cleaning." Pastor DanaLee will lead us in some spiritual practices and fun. The event will be held in the Narthex/Atrium during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 am. Have Questions? Please contact: Melissa Butson, Lois Graham, or Vicar Lisa Mensinger. We hope to connect people with common gifts together and explore how we can share those gifts in our Zion Community. Thank you for connecting through grace at Zion.

**Save the Date – Ash Wednesday** – Please join us on February 26<sup>th</sup> for Ash Wednesday worship. Services will be held at 12 pm and 7 pm. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a homecoming journey, where we discover anew what it means to live as God's beloved.

**Coffee Hour** – Everyone is invited for coffee hour in the atrium after worship where we share community and faith.

**Pastor DanaLee's Installation** - Please feel invited to Pastor DanaLee's Service of Installation as a Minister of Spiritual Life within the Rocky Mountain Synod and The Utah Conference of the ELCA, and God's Beautiful World. The installation will be part of a morning filled with fellowship, food, and spiritual practices around the Fruits of the Spirit, led by Bishop Jim Gonia. The event will be held February 22 from 10-11:30 am at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church (175 S 700 E Salt Lake City, UT 84102).

Volunteer Help Wanted – There are two opportunities currently available for service at Zion. Please consider one (or both!) Please call the church office if you can fill one of these roles:
 Usher Coordinator – recruit and schedule usher teams, as well as serving as an usher
 Audit Committee – this is a short term commitment of 1-2 hours per week for 1-2 months to provide an independent audit of church finances

**Crossroads Urban Center February Needs** – The Zion donation bin is conveniently located in the narthex just under the stairs to the loft.

Food Pantry: Canned chili, soup Thrift Store: Blankets, warm coats

Save the Date – Music Recital – Our very own Rachel Kibler will give a recital about duty and rebellion on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal (900 E and 300 S). She'll sing songs by Copland, Libby Larsen, Sondheim, and songs from movies Join for a free, fun night of music and community.

**Looking Ahead** – Mark your calendars for future services. Please join us for Passion/Palm Sunday worship on April 5, led by the Zion children and youth and celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday on April 12. More details to follow...